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July 2025

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, July 15, 2025

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Hello Everyone,

Once again, our busy season is winding down, and it's been a whirlwind for some time now.

On June 28th and 29th the OVH took part in ARRL Field Day 2025. Under the guidance of returning Field Day Chairwoman Cat,/ KM4PBD, we had another good Field Day weekend. I look forward to reading our official v. Despite the humidity and light rain, preparation started at the Nokesville Park site the day before the event began, on Friday, June 27th. Antenna lines were shot into the trees Friday afternoon.

We also had our second weather balloon launch (or second and third if you are going to be a stickler for such things) on Saturday. Please see the July 9th article on our OVH web page (and later in this Newsletter) for an in depth look as well as some of the great graphics of that event.

Big thanks to our Balloon Launch project team: returning Chairman Bruce / KN4GDX; Bryon / AK4XR; Gil / KM4OZH and John / KG4NXT.

After the balloon launch, we had our Pot Luck Supper, and there was no shortage of camaraderie.

While still talking about June, I would like to remind you that hurricane season runs from June 1st to December 1st, and thus is already underway. Now would be a good time to review your preparation plans and supplies.

Even though the ARRL linked article below was written several years ago in 2021, I believe it is still a good read for our new hams as well as a good refresher for our grizzled

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vets. Family Comes First during Hurricane Preparation for Home and Station. Find it at: https://www.arrl.org/news/family-comes-first-during-hurricane-preparation-for-home-and-station

Back on the 4th of July, the OVH supported what used to be called "The Freedom Firecracker 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run". They have since rebranded as "The IMDC Freedom Firecracker 5k and Sparkler 1 Mile".The event was short & sweet. We were there by 7:30 AM & gone by 9:30-ish. And what a colorful group. Not as many in costume as the Turkey Trot, but still quite imaginative. Many in patriotic shirts and shorts, as well as an abundance of grown women in colorful and sparkly tutus.A big thank you to John / KG4NXT and his team of spotters – Greg / KM4CCG; Theresa / KG4TVM; Al / KB4BHB and Jerry / KR4EZZ..

Also, back in the first week of July was the popular 13 Colonies Special Event – 2025 which ran from July 1st thru July 7th, an always a popular event.

You don't have to wait until our in-person meetings to see everyone again; you can come out this Saturday, July 12th at 8:00 AM for the resumption of our monthly breakfasts! Pioneered by Byron / AK4XR, way back in the olden days (2019), we get together on the Saturday immediately before our Tuesday meetings at a table or two in the back of Yorkshire Restaurant for some good food and good conversation. Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centreville Road, Manassas. We hope to see you there.

Next, our upcoming monthly regular OVH meeting will be on Tuesday, July 15th, at 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM EDT, at the Buckhall VFD Hall, 7190 Yates Ford Road, Manassas.

July's presentation will be on AI (Artificial Intelligence). This will be my first time back since my wife's and my medical issues, and I am really looking forward to this presentation.

If you are itching for some Hamfest action, the SVARC 74th Berryville Hamfest is just around the corner, and only an hour's drive from Manassas. I know a number of OVH members attend regularly, so you're sure to see some of us. It's just a few of weeks away on Sunday, August 3rdat the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds in Berryville. For more details, see, the flyer later in this Newsletter or visit the Berryville Hamfest – Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club web site.

A reminder to check in to the OVH's Thursday night VHF/UHF FM repeater net at 8 PM - details are on the OVH's web site: https://w4ovh.net This is a great way to stay in touch.

Questions, comments or war stories should be directed to my e-mail: kn4dd@arrl.net

73 Ken KN4DD

Sunshine Corner

Happy Birthday wishes to all of the following OVH club members with birthdays in July, 2025: Jack / KN4HHQ, Steve / KM4WVP, Philip / KI4WCG, Jeff / KM4FTK, Bruce / KN4TS, George / K4GVT, Jim / KB0HSA, Sandy / KM4JUS, Rosalie / KN4ZLY, Jeff / K9VEG, Richard / KJ4ZIH, Luther / WA3FMO,

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Stephen / KO4GQR, and William / WB4KLC! Hope each of you have a great year ahead!

Field Day – Wow, we did sweat out there but it was a successful, fun weekend! Tons of equipment, pounds of food, great fellowship and a successful balloon launch. Thanks to everyone that pulled this event together and participated.

Parks on the air (POTA) – Are you interested in POTA? Not sure where to start? Looking for some tips and hints? Well, on Friday, July 18th starting at 9 am and going to 11 am, maybe 12 depending on participation, several of us will be set up at Conway Robinson State Forest on Route 29 South right before Heathcote Blvd. This will be a coffee, donut and POTA event, so come on out and observe and/or operate and have a snack!

Hope everyone had a safe and fun 4th of July!

On the morning of July 4th, several of us provided radio support for the Freedom Firecracker 5K at the Freedom Center in Manassas. It was a great run/walk and everyone was very festive! I was home by 9:30 am and then was able to get on with our holiday celebrations!

Sunday, August 3rd is the Berryville Hamfest at the Clarke County Fairgrounds. Looking forward to attending and supporting our fellow hams, flyer attached!

Please check and make sure on the Members Only Log-In at W4OVH.net that the OVH has all of the correct and up-to-date information on file for you!

Remember that the OVH Thursday night VHF and UHF FM net is at 8:00 pm each Thursday evening. It is a great way to keep up with current events and hear what other active OVH members are up to with their radios! Details are on the W4OVH.NET web site.

Please send me your news, good, not so good and ham related info!

73 Theresa / KG4TVM kg4tvm@hotmail.com Tel: 703-257-3566

Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting held on June 17, 2025:

OVH Vice President, Gil / KM4OZH, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on June 17th, 2025 in the training room at the Buckhall Volunteer Fire Department Station. After the Pledge of Allegiance, all present stated their names and callsigns.

The minutes of the previous May 20, 2025 OVH meeting were approved.

Jeff / K9VEG gave the Treasurer's report which was approved.

Luther / WA3FMO emailed in the membership report which reported again, no membership actions this past month.

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ARES: No report.

Ken / KE2N gave the Repeater report by email. Last-minute checks show that the 2m, 224 and 443 MHz repeaters are all working, including the Wires-x and Asterisk. The linking.DSTAR repeaters are responding as expected. The DSTAR portal and Gateway are working, as well as the NOVEC/Mt Pone microwave (WLAN) connection. Three new DSTAR user registrations were processed this month.

Mark / WA4KFZ gave the training report. ARRL VE testing will move to online computers by end of this year, 2025. We will need to re-train our VEs.

Tail Gate – John / KG4NXT was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report to read. Theresa also announced information about the Berryville Hamfest to be held on 8/3/25 and the Page Valley TailGate to be held on 9/6/25. Theresa also reported that all the equipment donated from Ken / WB4ZOH's estate has been sold except for his classic Astatic microphone which will be available for sale during Field Day.

Field Day Report: The pre-setup antenna work is now expected to happen at 2:00 pm on Friday just before Field Day at the Nokesville Park. Saturday set up will start at 10 am; James / KQ4CAX will bring the club trailer to the park between 9:30 and 10:00 am on Saturday. Balloon launch is scheduled for 3:00 pm on Saturday and Gil will be obtaining and bringing the hydrogen for inflation of the balloons. Pot Luck Dinner will be between 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm, please bring a side dish to share, the OVH will provide and cook hot dogs, hamburgers and ribs.

Web site: No report this month except that the Web site is still functioning.

POTA – Theresa is working on a date in July to meet at Conway Robinson Park along nearby Lee Highway (Route 29) for a POTA activation, Watch the club reflector for more specific information.

Theresa / KG4TVM gave the Sunshine report. Birthdays were mentioned. She mentioned that Luther / WA3FMO now has a new knee.

50/50 raffle was won by Noah / KO4IDI.

Old Business – Byron / AK4XR asked about the Meshtastic node, according to Gil, John / KG4NXT is working on getting this set up. Also, another item: Mark / WA4KFZ asked about items in the OVH trailer that need to be consolidated or given away due to excessive weight in the trailer. Theresa stated that she is planning on working on some of the items at Field Day when the trailer will be open and available.

New Business: None

The meeting was then adjourned.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

HAMFESTS:

Sunday, August 3, 2025. the 74th Berryville Hamfest. gates open 6:00 am, vendor building opens 8:00 am, at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds, Berryville, Virginia. This is a big (nearby) event attended every year by many OVH members. See Flyer below. .

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Saturday, July 25, 2025 starting at 8:30 am - another OVH VEC Session for new Ham License applicants. Place: the St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 14640 Soucy Place, Centreville, Virginia. Contact Mark / WA4KFZ at email: wa4kfz@outlook.com for more information and details.

HAM RADIO OPERATING / CONTEST EVENTS

Saturday, August 9, 2025 (00:00 UTC) until Sunday, August 10, 2025 (23:59 UTC) - the Worked All Europe (WAE) contest on CW sponsored by the DARC. This is one of the major worldwide DX contests each year with lots of participation, which provides opportunities for operators in North America to work almost all countries in Europe during a single weekend on CW. The Phone version of WAE will be during the second full weekend in September. Complete information is at: https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/conteste/wae-dx-contest/en/wae-rules

See also, https://www.arrl.org/contests for the ARRL maintained Contesting web page, A lot is always going on. See, https://contestcalendar.com by WA7BNM and NG3K.com for more!

PUBLIC EVENTS / PUBLIC SERVICE / ARES EVENTS

Check the online Calendar on the OVH's web site at W4OVH.NET for information about upcoming OVH related events. Also, check the online Calendar maintained by David / KG4GIY at http://pwcares.org for the latest PWC ARES updates. Complete direct contact information for David / KG4GIY also appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Amateur High Altitude Balloon (HAB) Launches – W4OVH Field Day 2025

One source of Field Day bonus "points" for a Club Field Day station such as W4OVH for the OVH is to have an educational project. At one of the planning meetings for the OVH's 2025 Field Day, we decided to do another balloon launch with a radio package as our educational project. We has done one before, but with disappointing telemetry. Bruce / KN4GDX,took the project on again for 2025.

Two amateur payloads were planned and prepared for OVH's Field Day 2025 launch. Launch was planned for ~1500 ET on June 28 at the W4OVH Field Day site near Nokesville, Virginia ; and the two lauches actually took place about 1530 ET. The following description covers the planning, launch activities and tracking of the two payloads.

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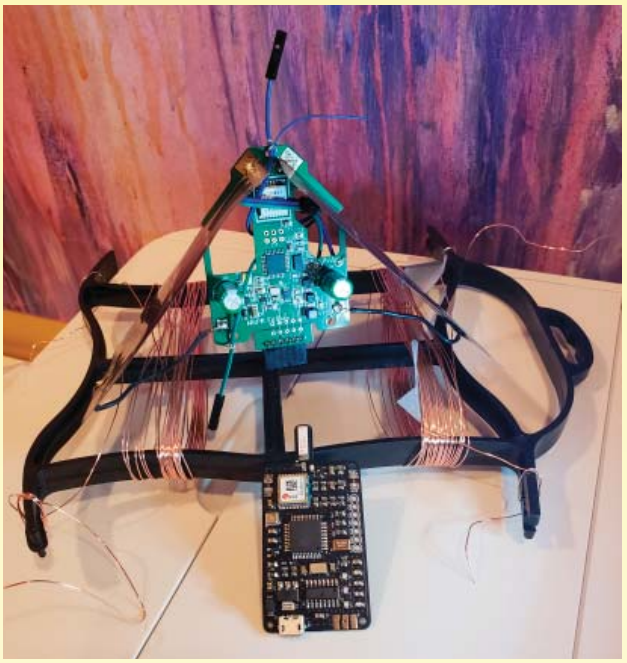
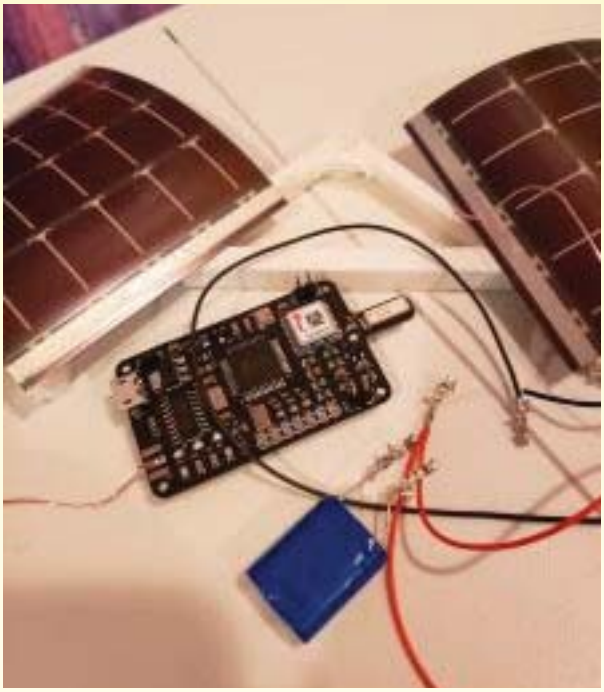
Planning and Testing for Balloon Payloads



The first balloon payload, from Zachtek in Sweden (see, https://zachtek.com for more info) was similar to the OVH's 2024 HAB payload launch, and is the board shown in the photo to the right. The 2024 HAB payload worked while testing, but unfortunately did not produce track files after it was launched. For 2025 it was also a WSPR payload, this time programmed for the 20 meter band. The photo shows the payload sitting next to its 20 meter dipole antenna. Power for it is supplied by two 5 volt solar panels, seen edge-on here, and backed up with two 2.7 volt super capacitor batteries in series, which are seen here as the large components on the board. At launch, the payload was suspended between the two 17 foot legs of the 20 meter dipole.



The second payload from QRP Labs (see, https://qrp-labs.com for more info) is the board shown in the second photo to the right. It contains an APRS payload which transmits through a 50 cm antenna on the 2 meter APRS frequencies. The antenna is attached downward from the board; and the GPS receiver is on the upper edge of the board. The power source and physical attachment in the final configuration was similar to the WSPR board and included an "Aframe" formed from some scrap plastic, two solar panels, power wiring and one 5.5v super capacitor. Programming the payload's on-board computer was done with the Arduino IDE using a payload board-specific application. The on-board application is fairly complex because it has to control APRS transmissions depending upon its geographic location area. GPS signals received by the payload are used to determine its location and then either alter the APRS frequency based on the country, or turn off APRS completely. If the payload should reach an altitude where a long distance "floating" condition is met, this feature is required by the ITU.

Each payload, at completion weighed about one ounce, including the GPS receivers and antennas. The antennas were made from 28 gauge insulated stranded wire. The WSPR payload transmits at about 20 milliwatts; and the APRS payload transmits at about 500 milliwatts. WSPR is tracked on either PSK Reporter, or WSPR.net. WSPR is a "weak

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signal" format that can also be heard using WSJT-X software and appropriate receivers. APRS is normally tracked worldwide by APRS receiver stations on 2 meter VHF and reported as APRS-IS on the Internet at APRS.fi.

Both payloads were tested during construction and just prior to launch at the Field Day site. During construction, the WSPR payload was tested using standard HF receivers and the WSJT-X WSPR application. The APRS payload was tested initially with a handheld APRS radio; then also tested in proximity to the W4VA APRS receiver to assure the signal was being reported in the APRS-IS system. on the internet.

Balloon Planning and Testing

In both 2024 and 2025 hydrogen gas was our preferred lifting medium with several balloon options. Hydrogen has become the preferred gas for many amateur and scientific uses due to being cheaper, and also having about twice the lift for a given volume as Helium. During the last few years, helium gas expense and availability has driven both government scientific and amateur balloon launches to hydrogen. Due to hydrogen's flammability, extra precautions are taken with handling and filling. Gil / KN4OZH, and Byron / AK4XR, were instrumental in procuring the hydrogen ahead of time; and then supporting the filling processes for both balloon types.

Our balloon options included both 48 and 72 inch latex, and 32 inch mylar. These options have very different filling conditions with the latex neck about one inch in diameter, and the mylar neck about ¼ inch in diameter. To enable control of the hydrogen fill process, Bruce made a two part apparatus for matching the hydrogen gauge/valve assembly to both types of apertures.

There is no simple way to "weigh" a filled balloon to test its lift capability, while attached to the hydrogen source, so in both cases, through some trial and error, we were able to fill both latex and mylar balloons to approximately the desired lift as tested with a gram/Newton scale. Our preferred net lift was 10 to 20 grams. The final latex balloon lift was closer to 30grams so it was a bit of a "rocket" at launch. The mylar balloons - we used two, was closer to 5 grams, with expansion space in the mylar – which is preferred, and was a much slower ascent. Under some conditions, a mylar launch of a pico sized payload may achieve a "float" condition in the jet stream. Ours, unfortunately did not. Perhaps next time. Floaters are sometimes achieved with mylar, but are usually planned and launched with a specific type of balloon which has a large volume and is relatively expensive at over $100, just for the balloon.

Payload Tracking

Our APRS payload was tracked almost immediately by Cat / KM4PBD,after launch and was tracked throughout its flight by a number of APRS other receivers in the National Capitol region. It achieved close to 30,000 feet altitude and descended near the Annapolis High School in a likely heavily wooded area. A friend of Bruce's who does regular launches with Horus payloads (UHF, USB with4FSK modulation) lives near the landing site and spent some time looking for the balloon/payload, but without success.

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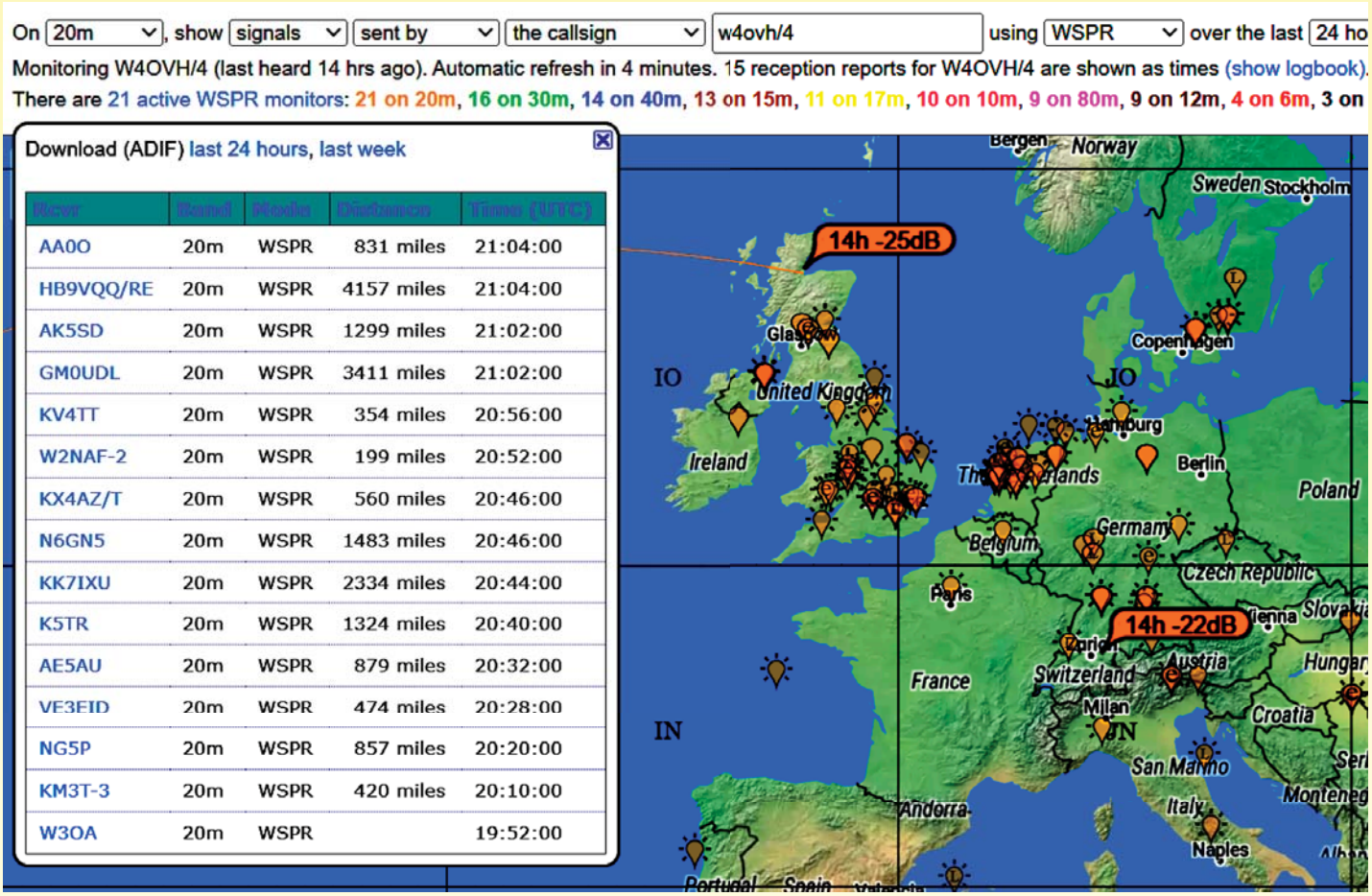
The WSPR payload tracking was not evident immediately, but was in fact tracked by a large number of stations across the US, Canada and Europe. The flight was fairly short, about 70 minutes, due to the rapid ascent, supposed balloon rupture at high altitude, and descent in the Alexandria area. Following is a log of stations which heard the WSPR balloon



Rcvr	Band	Mode	Distance	Time (UTC)
AA0O	20m	WSPR	831 miles	21:04:00
HB9VQQ/RE	20m	WSPR	4157 miles	21:04:00
AK5SD	20m	WSPR	1299 miles	21:02:00
GM0UDL	20m	WSPR	3411 miles	21:02:00
KV4TT	20m	WSPR	354 miles	20:56:00
W2NAF-2	20m	WSPR	199 miles	20:52:00
KX4AZ/T	20m	WSPR	560 miles	20:46:00
N6GN5	20m	WSPR	1483 miles	20:46:00
KK7IXU	20m	WSPR	2334 miles	20:44:00
K5TR	20m	WSPR	1324 miles	20:40:00
AE5AU	20m	WSPR	879 miles	20:32:00
VE3EID	20m	WSPR	474 miles	20:28:00
NG5P	20m	WSPR	857 miles	20:20:00
KM3T-3	20m	WSPR	420 miles	20:10:00
W3OA	20m	WSPR		19:52:00

We all want especially to thank Bruce / KN4GDX, Gil / KM4OZH and Byron / AK4XR each of his extensive efforts in planning and executing the OVH's 2025 Field Day amateur balloon launches. More about these balloon launch events later.

Logbook Summary for W4OVH for 2025 Field Day as filed by John / KG4NXT

Summary

Entry received at: 2025-07-01 22:39:52 UTC

Submitted by: **john heartney, KG4NXT** E-mail: kg4nxt@ARRL.NET

Call Used: **W4OVH** GOTA Station Call: **(NONE)** ARRL/RAC Section: **VA** Class: **3A**

Participants: **15** Club/Group Name: **Ole Virgnia Hams**

Power Source(s): **Generator, Battery, Solar**

Power Multiplier: **2X**

Preliminary Total Score: 3,304

Bonus Points:

Bonus	Points	Status
100% emergency power	300	
Media publicity	100	Documented by field day media publicity_000025.pdf
Public location	100	
Public information table	100	
Formal message to ARRL SM/SEC	100	File [QTC 1 R RUCKERSVILLE VA 22968.txt] previously uploaded
W1AW Field Day message	100	File [ARRL DOC.pdf] previously uploaded
Formal messages handled (10 x 10, max of 100)	100	File [nvtn_messages.txt] previously uploaded
Natural power QSOs completed	100	File [nat_power.jpg] previously uploaded
Site visit by invited served agency	100	
Educational activity	100	
Safety officer	100	File [2024 Field Day Safety Checklist.pdf] previously uploaded
Social media	100	
Entry submitted via web	50	
Total bonus points	**1,450**	

Score Summary - File [W4OVH_2025.dup] previously uploaded

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total	
Total QSOs	83	259	243		
Total Points	166	518	243	**927**	**Claimed Score** = (QSO points x power mult) = **1,854**

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW		Digital		Phone	
Band	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m						
80m	6	100	41	100	5	100
40m	73	100	59	100	238	100
20m	4	100	159	100		

A few pictures from the OVH / ARRL 2025 Field Day at the Nokesville Park below and on the following page.

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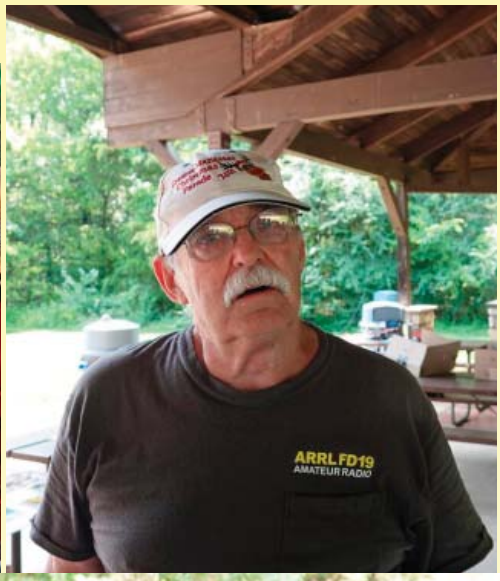

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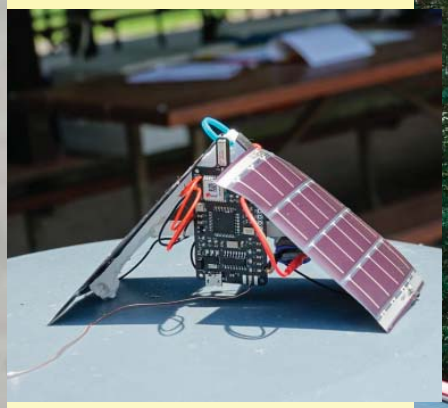


Support for the July 4th Freedom Runs at the Freedom Center

Early on July 4th, 2025 the OVH provided communication support and overwatch at the Freedom Center for the Freedom Firecracker races. We watched for safety problems on University Campus where the Freedom Center is located,

Helping out were Greg / KM4CCG, Theresa / KG4TVM, Al / KB4BHB, John KG4NXT and Jerry / KR4EZZ. Jerry had just received his new license on July 2nd and showed up with an HT to support the race. We were released about 10:15 am. The sponsors provided race T-shirts to all OVH members who assisted. The shirts will be distributed out at the July 15th OVH meeting.

The Shenandoah Valley Amateur Radio Club

ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST

74th Annual Berryville Hamfest
Sunday, August 3, 2025

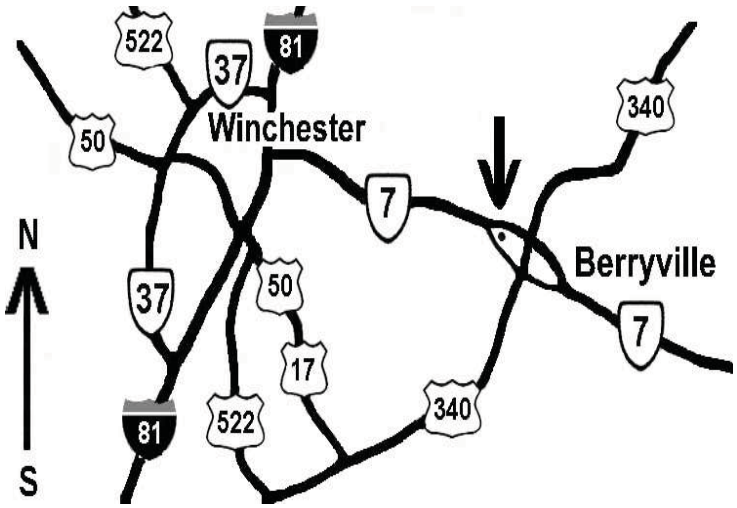
Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds • 890 W. Main St., Berryville, VA

- GATE OPENS AT 6:00 AM • VENDOR BUILDINGS OPEN BY 8:00 AM
- **ADMISSION FEE $10.00 per person, children 16 and under free**
- ADDITIONAL $10.00 FOR OPEN-AIR TAILGATE SPACE (First come, first served)
- INDOOR VENDOR TABLES BY RESERVATION (see below)
- PRIZES, 50/50 CASH RAFFLE
- ON-SITE ATM MACHINE!
- SPECIAL HOTEL PRICE: HAMPTON INN (1204 Berryville Ave, Winchester 540-678-4000)
- $15.00 FOR A CAMPER SPACE~~ **RURITAN RULES:** ***NO Pets, Pornography, or Weapons***

Country Ham & Eggs Breakfast **starting at 6:00 AM**

Ruritan's famous chicken & beef barbecue from 11:00 AM

Grand Prize: HF Rig
Other great prizes & gift certificates drawn every hour



ON-SITE VE EXAMS!
Our club's VE team will be hosting this. Walk-ins are welcome. Testing begins at 12:00 noon in Horticulture Building. A photo ID, FRN, and email address are required.
For more information, contact **John Creel, WB3GXW@arrl.net.**

REGISTER ONLINE to request barn or indoor spaces: https://svarc.us/vendor-registration/

Indoor space/table in Ruritan $20 (air-conditioned) and Arts & Crafts $15 (not air-conditioned)

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